

# NOVEMBER BALLOT: ROADS AND TRANSIT

This November, voters in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties will decide whether or not to move forward with an ambitious roads and transit package that will alleviate the region's worst traffic chokepoints.

The measure would fund road and transit projects throughout the three county area, including improvements to I-405, SR 520, SR 167 and would bring light rail to Bellevue and Redmond.

asked to cast ballots on the measure. If approved, the taxes will amount to 0.8 percent of the motor vehicle license fee - or about \$80 per \$10,000 of assessed value on a vehicle, and a 0.6 percent sales tax, or 6 cents on a \$10 purchase. These taxes and fees would be paid back over a 30 year period.

An estimated 1.2 million voters in the cities and urban areas of the three counties will be



Residents outside the Sound Transit boundary would be exempt from the tax. The taxing area roughly includes the cities and urban areas of Snohomish, King and Pierce counties.

## Roads and Transit Package includes:

- major improvements to I-405 between Renton and Bellevue, including a project at the 405/167 interchange
- rebuild and expand the SR 520 bridge
- improvements to SR 167 and completion of SR 509 to I-5
- light rail to Bellevue, Lynnwood, Tacoma and other transit projects throughout the region
- road and transit projects in the City of Seattle, including a fix for the 'Mercer Mess'
- completion of SR 167 to the Port of Tacoma
- improvements to SR 9 and US 2 in Snohomish County

## Regional Transportation Investment District

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## Transportation Update

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### Dunn, Hague Secure \$1.1 Billion for SR 520

\$300 million re-programmed to SR 520

### Regional Transportation Investment District Adopts Draft Plan

405 and 520 big winners as regional transportation plan reaches milestone

### Region Closes In on Roads and Transit Vote

November 2007 - Regional Plan Moves Forward to Voters



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# Dunn, Hague Secure \$1.1 Billion for SR 520

## Funding Proposed for Vulnerable Transportation Corridor

On January 26, 2007, the region took a bold step toward replacing the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge. King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, with the support of RTID Executive Board alternate Jane Hague, proposed an amendment to RTID's plan that would secure \$1.1 billion for SR 520.

The RTID Executive Board adopted Dunn's amendment unanimously on its way to adopting a draft plan.

*"The 520 bridge is a critical link between the population and employment centers of Bellevue and Seattle. We are doing what needs to be done to see that this vulnerable structure is replaced."*

**- Councilmember Reagan Dunn**

*"County leadership has provided this one time opportunity to fund a six-lane SR 520 replacement bridge. I was proud to be part of this victory for our region's most critical transportation corridor."*

**- Councilmember Jane Hague**

The draft plan also programs I-405 improvements of \$1.525 billion. These projects, along with other regional priorities, will appear on the November ballot in a joint roads and transit transportation package.

Over the next two months, the RTID will seek public comment on its draft plan before adopting a final plan in April.

## Coming November 2007: Major Transportation Projects

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Transportation  
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District*



### SR 520 BRIDGE

Replaces vulnerable structure. Expands to 6 lanes, including a dedicated HOV bus lane.

### SR 520 / I-405 BRAIDED RAMP

Addition of northbound braided ramps to the SR 520 /I-405 interchange simplifies dangerous on and off ramps between NE 8th St and SR 520 exits.



### BELLEVUE LANE EXPANSIONS



Supplements state-funded southbound lane with additional northbound lane on I-405 through Bellevue.

## I-405 to See Congestion Relief

The RTID draft plan includes \$1.525 billion for improvements to I-405. These improvements will significantly reduce congestion and vehicle delay on this important corridor. The Washington State Department of Transportation anticipates a reduction of more than 60,000 hours of delay. This would result in free flowing traffic between Tukwila and Bellevue. By adopting these improvements, voters would be enabling the most significant congestion relief in the I-405 corridor since the freeway's construction in the '60's.



### I-405 LANE EXPANSIONS

Two additional lanes in each direction from Maple Valley Highway (SR 169) to I-90.